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### CEASE FACTIONAL STRIFE.

Looking around over Missouri through Democratic glasses it can at once be seen that the party should close up its ranks for a contest with the common enemy, rather than continue carrying on a useless "at home" warfare that can but result disastrously if the course adopted by some people is continued. There is too much at stake to continue these disorganizing tactics and it does seem that a man, though blind, could see it. The INTELLIGENCER does not desire to be ungenerous or harsh, but ventures the assertion that among the men who are keeping up this strife self aggrandizement outweighs principle and love of self largely takes the place of love of party. In several counties of the state warring democratic factions are at work tearing away the foundation from 'neath democracy, and in heaven's name it should be stopped. Personal journalism has been brought into play, creating sores that it will take years to heal. In truth the party is being stabbed by those who claim to love it.

Many use the argument. "What's the difference? Missouri has a safe majority, anyway." Lay not that flattering unctious to your soul. So we all thought when Joe Flory carried Missouri for railroad commissioner and such democratic war-horses as Bland, Hatch, Clark and others went down in defeat, giving seats in congress to a lot of untrained men whose names were scarcely known beyond the confines of their own homes. Not only the state but the nation was appalled and looked on in wonder at that terrible result. This unlooked for climax in affairs political was the result or lethargy on the part of many voters who, instead of going to the polls to vote, remained at home. These same people now have their eyes on Missouri factionalists and be sure that the wars that wage will not conduce to any alarming awakening of their political spirit. These factional fights reach out far and wide from the source of their origin and have their effect throughout the entire state. There is indeed nothing to be gained by keeping this thing up, and the quicker it ceases the better. What has happened may happen again. It rests with the people to avoid such a calamity, and these factionalists are a part of that people. Throw aside resentment and get into line for democracy and a continuation of the most admirable government of any state in the union. Even after his picture had been trampled under foot in the hall in which the Ohio democrats held their state convention William J. Bryan publicly advised all democrats to support the ticket nominated. Noble fellow! He laid aside self and pleaded for party organization, though it must have been wormwood and gall for him to do so.

Did you ever stop to think that there is much at stake in the next campaign in Missouri?—that a legislature is to be elected that will select a successor to Mr. Vest in the United States senate? 'Tis true that while men are declaring their ambition to don Mr. Vest's official toga that the first thing to be done is to elect a democratic legislature. It is useless to deny the fact that the republicans now have their eye on this state and they will use money galore and resort to any method conceivable to carry their point. They have barrels of money and they will spend it with a recklessness that would put Satan to shame. Their fight will be made in doubtful counties and wherever factional strife divides the party their strongest efforts will be put forth. Hence the necessity for a united democracy, and to that end factionalists owe it to the party to cease their wrangling and join in one solid column to meet the cohorts of imperialistic republicanism.

### SENATOR COCKRELL TALKS.

Senator Cockrell has returned from Colorado to his home in Warrensburg. He went West for his health and the INTELLIGENCER is glad to know that the trip benefited him. While enroute home he stopped at St. Louis for a short while and while at the union station said to a press reporter that he had not thought much about politics recently. In relation to the senatorial situation and ex-Governor Stone's announced candidacy for Senator Vest's seat, Senator Cockrell said:

"I read in the papers of Governor Stone's announcement. I cannot say much about it, as it does not concern me. As to Senator Vest's intentions I know nothing save interviews given to the press by him and his speech before the state legislature at the opening of the last session. I think that the popular impression, which is that he does not desire another term, is correct."

Senator Cockrell said he had not heard about the Jackson Club dinner, at which it is reported Governor Stone is to make a speech, announcing to Missouri Democracy his candidacy and outlining his views on national and state issues. "I do not know whether I will attend this dinner," said he.

Missouri once had within her borders a man named J. Frank Leake, who essayed journalism as a profession and at one time owned and conducted a daily paper at Moberly. Since giving up newspaper work the fellow has been putting in his time marrying women in different cities until now, like the sailor, he has a wife in every port. The last heard of him was during the fore part of this week when he was in jail at Salt Lake City on a charge of bigamy. Strange that he should have escaped punishment at St. Louis, New Orleans, Dallas, Texas, Kansas City and other places for having a multiplicity of wives and run up against justice out among the Brigamites. Leake is a man of no education—no polish. He was born and raised in Kalls county and his powers of fascinating the fair sex seem to lie in the fine raiment with which he always adorns his person and his handsome face and carriage. He should have been in the penitentiary years ago.

The assaults on white women by negroes are becoming alarmingly frequent in the country and burning at the stake seems to possess no terrors for fiends who engage in such crime. Some claim that punishment of this kind tends to increase rather than to diminish these horrible occurrences. However this line of philosophy will not prevent outraged people from visiting vengeance on the heads of criminals of this class. There is an unwritten law against such practices, and human fiends who engage in them need expect nothing short of burning at the stake.

It seems passing strange to us that a man who is brainy enough to be at the head of a great educational institution in Missouri could not see the iniquitous workings of the protective tariff system until he got up against the customs officer at New York on a return trip from Europe. However, converts to democracy are always welcome and the doors are thrown open to the Columbia man even though along with his coming is a small degree of selfishness on his part. He had to be shown in order to believe and we are glad to know that his eyes are open at last.

It is sincerely to be hoped that Sedalia will amply care for all visitors to the state fair, but it might as well be understood first as last by residents of that pretty city that they have a herculean job on their hands. The hospitality of private citizens in the way of utilizing their residences will have to be invoked. This is a Missouri enterprise and the entire state takes an interest in it, hence Sedalia must don her best clothes. And no doubt she will.

And now comes the statement that Grover Cleveland has a warrant on the United States treasury for one cent for balance on salary while president. If some one had secured a "warrant" for the stuffed prophet and had him locked up for good anterior to the time that he became president of the United States the second time the democratic party would be in much better condition at this writing.

The departure from Missouri for a new field of labor of Capt. A. A. Lesueur removes from the politics of the state one of the best known men in all its borders. As secretary of state he made a most enviable record—in fact a record not surpassed or improved upon by any official of similar capacity in the union. Capt. Lesueur's "manual" is a most valuable work of reference and no man who desires to keep posted on the political affairs of the commonwealth can afford to be without it. There are hosts of men in every county in the state who wish Capt. Lesueur well at his new home and in his new vocation.

The Lebanon Rustic pokes fun at the alleged candidacy of Mat. Hall, of Saline county, for congress in the face of the fact that Mr. Hall says he has no aspirations in that direction. It is bad enough for democrats to fight each other when there is a well defined issue involved, but it does seem that men would avoid chasing phantoms in fighting those of their own political household. Missouri democracy is in no condition to stand too much of this kind of foolishness and it should not be engaged in. Our Lebanon brother should take a cathartic and work off the bile that is making him cross-grained and ugly.

The series of recent mishaps on the Chicago & Alton railroad in which many human lives have been lost and thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed is enough to appall those who travel by rail. There must be something wrong with the Alton management and the entire system should be overhauled. The road not only owes it to the public but to itself to put a stop to these disastrous wrecks.

Col. Bob White has made of the Mexico Ledger one of the best weekly papers not only in Missouri but in the country. He keeps pace with the times and is never found in the rear when it comes to the utterance of sound democratic doctrine and obtaining all the late news. May he continue to prosper.

Newt. Bryson, the "philosopher" of the Louisiana Press, gets more sunshine into the columns of his paper than any other newspaper man in Missouri. It is a pleasant pastime to read his humorous paragraphs. There is seemingly no pessimism in his makeup and the world would be the better for more such writers.

Webster Davis denies in no uncertain terms the report that he is to return to the republican party in order to help his brother secure the nomination of that party for mayor of Kansas City. Mr. Davis says that his position is well defined in his book and that he has left the republicans for good.

### Largest Wager on Record.

Pittsburg, Pa., Sept. 5.—The great international yacht bet of \$400,000 between the English syndicate, represented by Walter J. Kingsley of London, and a group of patriotic Pittsburgers, represented by William I. Mustin, was finally arranged this afternoon. The entire sum was deposited in the hands of the stakeholder, Mr. Kingsley turning over \$150,000 in British bank notes and Mr. Mustin giving a certified check for \$250,000. What is said to be the greatest bet in history was thus successfully consummated.

Both Mr. Mustin and Mr. Kingsley arrived in Pittsburg this morning. Mr. Mustin coming from Asbury park and Mr. Kingsley from New York. Mr. Mustin promptly put Mr. Kingsley in communication with his principals, who were speedily convinced that the \$150,000 of British money was awaiting their convenience. Mr. Kingsley on his part agreed to accept a certified check for the full amount of the American side of the wager.

Hardin News: "After January 1 the shipper who has but one load of cattle or hogs for market will be unable to get a return pass. The railroads have decided to abolish this custom which has been in vogue for years, and make it necessary to have at least two cars to obtain a return pass. If the shipper has five cars he may get two return passes, and for eleven cars three return passes. Not more than three passes will be issued, no matter how many cars are shipped."

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